THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL I . SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a)

Region	Average sale price per kg.	Approximate computed cost of . production
.Northern (Dsibi) .	Rs. 23. 20	Rs. 22-65
Western (Bombay)	Rs. 24. 00	R>. 23-60
Southern (Madras).. '	Rs. 23. 75	Rs, 23-35
Eastern.. (Calculi)	Rs! 24. 40 '	R< 23. 65.

(b) Yes, sir.

'(c) |iie reasons for variation* in prices in. different regions are difference in, local taxes, freight charges andweighted average cost of toe oils used in the manufacture of vanaspati.

Drought assistance to Maharashtra State by Central Government

849. SHRI M; S. GURUPADA-SWAMY: •

DR. BAPU KALDATE:

DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI . MAHISHI:

Will"the Minister of AORICULTURE he pleased to state:

fa) whether any basis or criterion hat been fixed to determine the amount of drought assistance to be given to the States by the Central Government;

(b) whether any assistancei -has been given to Maharashtra State in response to their demand to meet the serious problem in their State;

(C) whether Government consfder the amount sanctioned adequate enough keep ing i_D view of the enormity of-the prob lem; and ^

(d) if not, whether there is any proposal to increase the amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SKRI YO^ GENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The policy for financing relief expenditure is based . on the recommendations of the 8th Finance Commission and Government decisions thereon. Though, the State Governments are primarily responsible for financing of relief, the Central Government supple- . ments their efforts if "necessary. A_s re-commended by the 8th Finance Commission, an amount of Rs. 240. 75 crores pe_r annum is allocated as Marg in Money to the States, of which 50 per cent is contributed by the Central Government. The State Governments provfde the balan-, _ce 50 per cent in their budgets. On the occurrence of a natural calamity, the concerned State Government $meet_s$ the expenditure from its share of margin money and is entitled to draw the Central contribution after, exhausting its own share. If the expenditure requirements of a State exceeds the total margin -ney, it may seek assistance from the Cen- -tre. On receipt of ar memorandum seek-" ing Central assistance/. an Inter-Ministerial CentraWTeam is constituted. / The Ihlci- -(Ministered Team consisting *o(* experts from different disciplines visits the affected areas to make an oiHbe-sopt assessment of th_e situation. The Central Team holds detailed discussions witih^he State Government officials and- also bas discussions with the people's representatives in order to make and objective assessment of the situation. On the basis of the. field visfa, discussions and taking into. account the Central norms for various item and plan provisions available with the State Gov-eminent for various schemes, the Central Team submhsa report recomawadtBc item-wise ceilings of expenditure. Is case

the requirement is not large and an assessment can be made without sending' a Central Team an Inter-Ministerial Group considers the matter. On the basis •of the report ' of CentralTeam or the InWr-Ministerial Group and recommendations of the High leval Committee on Relief, ceilings of expenditure are• sanctioned for the States.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Surrender of posts in the Ministry of Food and Civil Supplies,

850. SHRI ASHOK NATO VERMA: ' "Will the Minister of POOD AND CIVIL . SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a), the number of posts 'surrendered "under 5 per cent cut and other economy measures during the years 1985-86 and' . 1986-87 in the Ministry of, Food and, Civi'i Supplies and its attached, offices, sec-parately-category-wise; Gazetted and non-. gazetted; f -

(b) the number of posts ^ying vacant for the last one year in each cadre, cadre-wise;

- (c) whether it. is also a fact that surren dered posts mostly belong to technical non. - ministerial cadre, if so, the number of such posts cadre-wise, surrendered, gazett ed and non-gazetted; -

(d) whether it is also a fact that *in*-spite of reduction in strength, staff rathe administration has remained the same if not, the number of posts- effected, cadre-•wise, gajjettsd and non-gazetted in the administration; and

(a) the amount saved by reducing the strength during the years 1985-^6 and 1986. -87 and the amount likely to be saved during 1987-88?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL. ^SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM. NAM A2AD): '(a) *to* (e) The information fa /being collected

Krishi Vigyan Kendras

851. SHRI J. P. GOYAL; Will the "Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

' (a) what are the' details of the Krishi Vigyan Kendras in various States;

(b) what Central assistance was provi ded to the Krishi Vigyan Kendras during each of the last three, ycurs; and

(c) what had been the nain" achieve-; ments of these Krishi Vigyan Kendras during the above -period?"

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION TN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOG-. ENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The details of the Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in various States are as follows:

Si. Name of the Statef No. Union Territory	No. of r KVKs
1. Andhra Pradesh	6
2. Arunachal Pradesh	*4*
3. Assam	2'
4. Bihar'	8
5. Goa	1
6 Gujarat	s
7. Haryana	3
8. • Himacbal Pradesh	2
v 9. Jammu & Kashmir	1
10. Karnataka	5
11. Kerala. -..	4
12. Madhya Pradesh	1 5
13. Maharashtra	6
14 "Manipur.	1
IS. Meghalaya	1
• 16. Mizoram.	1
17. ' Nagaland	1